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## Statement by the President of the Security Council

At the 5072nd meeting of the Security Council, held on 6 November 2004, in connection with the Council's consideration of the item entitled "The situation in Côte d'Ivoire", the President of the Security Council made the following statement on behalf of the Council:

"The Security Council condemns the attack against French forces in Bouaké on 6 November 2004 that resulted in fatalities and other casualties, as well as the fatal air strikes in the north by the national armed forces of Côte d'Ivoire, as violations of the ceasefire agreement of 3 May 2003.

"The Security Council further condemns any effort by any party to send forces through the Zone of Confidence.

"The Security Council demands the immediate cessation of all military operations by all Ivoirian parties and full compliance with the ceasefire agreement of 3 May 2003.

"The Security Council expresses its full support for the action undertaken by French forces and the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire (UNOCI).

"The Security Council confirms that French forces and UNOCI are authorized to use all necessary means to carry out fully their mandate in accordance with its resolution 1528 (2004) of 27 February 2004. It confirms also that UNOCI, within its capabilities and areas of deployment, is authorized to prevent any hostile action, in particular within the Zone of Confidence.

"The Security Council strongly recalls the obligations of all Ivoirian parties, the Government of Côte d'Ivoire as well as the Forces Nouvelles, to refrain from any violence against civilians and to cooperate fully with the activities of UNOCI. The Security Council firmly reminds all parties of the need to guarantee the security and freedom of movement of all United Nations personnel.

"The Security Council intends to examine rapidly further actions, including individual measures to be taken."

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